

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JOHN J. BUCKSHAW,

Petitioner,

-against-

JOSEPH FUCITO, *et al.*,

Respondents.

21-CV-2585 (LTS)

ORDER DIRECTING PAYMENT OF FEE
OR IFP APPLICATION AND ORIGINAL
SIGNATURE

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN, Chief United States District Judge:

Petitioner, proceeding *pro se*, brings this petition for a writ of *habeas corpus*. To proceed with a petition for a writ of *habeas corpus* in this Court, a petitioner must either pay the \$5.00 filing fee or, to request authorization to proceed *in forma pauperis* (IFP), that is, without prepayment of fees, submit a signed IFP application. *See* 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914, 1915.

In addition, Rule 11(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that “[e]very pleading, written motion, and other paper must be signed by at least one attorney of record in the attorney’s name – or by a party personally if the party is unrepresented.” *See also* Local Civil Rule 11.1(a). The Supreme Court has interpreted Rule 11(a) to require “as it did in John Hancock’s day, a name handwritten (or a mark handplaced).” *Becker v. Montgomery*, 532 U.S. 757, 764 (2001).

Petitioner submitted the petition without the filing fee or an IFP application, and he also failed to sign the petition. Within thirty days of the date of this order, Petitioner must either pay the \$5.00 filing fee or complete and submit the attached IFP application. If Petitioner submits the IFP application, it should be labeled with docket number 21-CV-2585. If the Court grants the IFP application, Petitioner will be permitted to proceed without prepayment of fees. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1). Petitioner must also sign and return the attached declaration.

No answer shall be required at this time. If Petitioner complies with this order, the case shall be processed in accordance with the procedures of the Clerk's Office. If Petitioner fails to comply with this order within the time allowed, the action will be dismissed.

The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this order to Petitioner and note service on the docket.

The Court certifies under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith, and therefore *in forma pauperis* status is denied for the purpose of an appeal. *Cf. Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 444–45 (1962) (holding that appellant demonstrates good faith when seeking review of a nonfrivolous issue).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 28, 2021
New York, New York

/s/ Laura Taylor Swain
LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN
Chief United States District Judge